



Testimony: HB 2188

House Judiciary Committee

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Meals on Wheels of Shawnee and Jefferson Counties, Inc.

Chairman Kinzer and Members of the Committee:

Meals on Wheels of Shawnee and Jefferson Counties, Inc. would like to express our concerns related to HB 2188. The Financial Reporting Requirements for Non-Profit Entities would create tremendous and costly burdens to the organization.

Meals on Wheels is a small non-profit organization whose mission is to “nourish the elderly and/or homebound people in our communities” in an ever-decreasing funding environment. Administrative duties that will be required to fulfill the requirements associated with the above mentioned bill will take a financial toll on internal resources and likely will result in fewer dollars available for meal provision. In 2012, Meals on Wheels provided 146,118 meals utilizing public and private funds.

The level of reporting that is currently required by our funders clearly outlines how the dollars are utilized and the number of service units (meals) provided. These reports are completed monthly for Older American’s Act funding, quarterly for county and city funding, and various funding cycle reports to foundations and grantors. Additionally, a full audit is completed annually and available to all interested parties, along with the IRS form 990.

Meals on Wheels is very proud of the positive reputation that exists throughout the community in relation to the impact home delivered meals makes with constituents. We request that you recognize we cannot afford the burden of HB 2188.

Meals on Wheels requests you to oppose this legislation.

Chairman Kinzer and Members of the Committee, I will happily stand for any questions.